

AMENDMENTS to the CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for providing electronic catalogs of information sets regarding available products for bid or purchase through an online auction or bidding system collectively referred to as an Interactive Offer System, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a first database associated with a Sales Preparation System, said first database containing a plurality of descriptive information items about each of a plurality of products indexed to part numbers and to manufacturer identifiers;

providing a second database separate from said first database and from said Sales Preparation System, said second database containing a plurality of descriptive information items about a plurality of products indexed to part numbers and to manufacturer identifiers;

establishing a plurality of dynamically updated links between said descriptive data items of said first database and said second database, and between said part numbers and said manufacturer identifiers, said dynamically updated links being automatically established by executing a synchronization script or program, said execution being triggered at a predetermined time or responsive to a predetermined event;

each time a request is received from a trader, automatically dynamically updating said links to most current descriptive information items, replacing links to older descriptive information items with links to most current descriptive information items, and adding links to most current descriptive information items which were not previously available;

promoting said synchronized Sales Preparation System contents to an online auction system responsive to authorization of said trader; and

presenting via a user interface to an Interactive Offer System said synchronized Sales

Preparation System contents to one or more online bidders via said online auction system.

- providing at least two repositories of information sets and data items, at least one of said repositories being indexed to part numbers and manufacturer identifiers;
- dynamically linking said information sets and data items to said part numbers and said manufacturer identifiers for available products by executing a synchronization script or program, said execution being triggered at a predetermined time or responsive to a predetermined event;
- upon request by a trader, synchronizing contents of a Sales Preparation System with said repositories such that said information sets and said data items within said repositories represent full information sets of most recently created data items, including the contents of said Sales Preparation System;
- promoting said synchronized Sales Preparation System contents to an online auction system responsive to authorization of said trader; and
- presenting said promoted contents to one or more online bidders via said online auction system.
- a repository synchronizer which, responsive to a request from a trader, dynamically updates links to the descriptive data items, replaces links to older data items with links to newer data items, and adds links to data items which were not previously available;
- an offer promoter for promoting said synchronized Sales Preparation System contents to an online auction system responsive to authorization of said trader; and
- a user interface to an Interactive Offer System presenting adapted to present said synchronized Sales Preparation System contents to one or more online bidders via said online auction system. —

2. (previously presented) The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said predetermined time comprises a time determined according to a periodic basis.

3. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said predetermined event comprises an event of a request for said descriptive information items [[sets]] in any of the repositories.

4. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~ providing a list to a user, said list having part numbers and dynamic links to said ~~information sets and data~~ descriptive information items associated with listed part numbers.

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A computer readable ~~medium~~ memory comprising ~~containing~~ program code for providing electronic catalogs of information sets regarding available products for bid or purchase through an online auction or bidding system collectively referred to as an Interactive Offer System, said program code when executed by a computer causing the computer to perform the steps of:

a computer readable memory suitable for encoding software programs; and
one or more software programs encoded by said computer readable memory, said
software programs when executed causing a processor to:
provide a first database associated with a Sales Preparation System, said first database
containing a plurality of descriptive information items about each of a plurality of
products indexed to part numbers and to manufacturer identifiers;
provide a second database separate from said second database and from said Sales
Preparation System, said second database containing a plurality of descriptive
information items about a plurality of products indexed to part numbers and to
manufacturer identifiers;
establish a plurality of dynamically updated links between said descriptive data items of
said first database and said second database, and between said part numbers and
said manufacturer identifiers, said dynamically updated links being automatically
established by executing a synchronization script or program, said execution
being triggered at a predetermined time or responsive to a predetermined event;
each time a request is received from a trader, automatically dynamically update said links
to the most current descriptive information items, replace links to older data
items with links to most current descriptive information items, and add
links to most current descriptive items which were not previously available;
promote said synchronized Sales Preparation System contents to an online auction
system responsive to authorization of said trader; and
present via a user interface to an Interactive Offer System said synchronized Sales
Preparation System contents to one or more online bidders via said online auction
system,
providing at least two repositories of information sets and data items, at least one

- _____ of which being indexed to manufacturer identifiers and part numbers;
- _____ dynamically linking said information sets and data items to said part numbers and said manufacturer identifiers for available products by executing a synchronization script or program, said execution being triggered at a predetermined time or responsive to a predetermined event;
- _____ upon request by a trader, synchronizing contents of a Sales Preparation System with said repositories such that said information sets and said data items within said repositories represent full information sets of most recently created data items, including the contents of said Sales Preparation System;
- _____ promoting said synchronized Sales Preparation System contents to an online-
- _____ auction system responsive to authorization of said trader; and
- _____ presenting said promoted contents to one or more online bidders via said
- _____ online auction system;

7. (currently amended) The computer readable medium memory as set forth in Claim 6 wherein said predetermined time comprises a time determined on a periodic basis.

8. (currently amended) The computer readable medium memory as set forth in Claim 6 wherein said predetermined event comprises a request for said descriptive information items [[sets]] in any of the repositories.

9. (currently amended) The computer readable medium memory as set forth in Claim 6 further comprising software program code for performing the step of providing a list to a user, said list having part numbers and dynamic links to said information sets and to descriptive information [[data]] items associated with said listed part numbers.

10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) A system for providing a dynamic online listing of information regarding items available for purchase or bid through an online auction system, comprising:

a first database associated with a Sales Preparation System, said first database containing a plurality of descriptive information items about each of a plurality of products indexed to part numbers and to manufacturer identifiers;

a second database separate from said first database and from said Sales Preparation System, said second database containing a plurality of descriptive information items about a plurality of products at least two computer-readable repositories of descriptive data items, at least one of said repositories being indexed to part numbers and to manufacturer identifiers;

a plurality of dynamic dynamically updated links between said descriptive information [[data]] items of said first database and said second database, and between said part numbers and said manufacturer identifiers, said dynamically updated links being established by executing a synchronization script or program, said execution being triggered at a predetermined time or responsive to a predetermined event;

a repository synchronizer which, responsive to each time a request is received from a trader, dynamically updates links to [[the]] most current descriptive information [[data]] items, replaces links to older descriptive information [[data]] items with links to newer most current descriptive information [[data]] items, and adds links to most current descriptive information [[data]] items which were not previously available;

an offer promoter for promoting said synchronized Sales Preparation System contents to an online auction system responsive to authorization of said trader; and

a user interface to an Interactive Offer System presenting ~~adapted to present~~ said synchronized Sales Preparation System contents to one or more online bidders via said online auction system.

12. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 11 wherein said repository synchronizer ~~is further adapted to replace and add~~ replaces and adds links on a timed basis.

13. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 11 wherein said repository synchronizer ~~is further adapted to replace and add~~ replaces and adds links responsive to a request for information from said repositories.

14. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 11 wherein said repository synchronizer captures or copies ~~further comprising an offer description creator adapted to capture or copy~~ dynamically linked descriptive information [[data]] items to a part number into a second set of descriptive information [[data]] items which are statically related to said part number.

15. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 11 wherein said repository synchronizer creates ~~further comprising an offer list creator adapted to create~~ a list of part numbers associated with dynamic links to said data items.